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TRUSTEES MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 7, 1912.
S. W. Johnson filed a written protest against filling up natural outlet for storm water on Adams street and diverting same west on Acacia avenue to Dunbarton street, where it is or will be turned down on to the property of the Darracott estate to its threatened damage; and demanding that the outlet for such water be enlarged at Adams and Acacia, or incur a bill of damages against the city by reason of allowing it to remain as it is. Referred to City Engineer.

City Attorney Baker instructed to prepare an amendment to the Building Ordinance to regulate the size of joist and manner of brick chimney construction.

Ordinance establishing grade of parts of Cypress street, Halstead, Mountain avenue, and a portion of Acacia avenue, west of Brand Boulevard, laid over for a verbal alteration in the title and a third reading at the next regular meeting.

City Attorney Baker instructed to prepare an ordinance establishing fire limits.

Ordinance in regard to muffling gasoline (alias gasolene) engines, read a first time.

The matter of proceedings for opening and extending West Acacia avenue through to Central avenue, was taken up at the request of Mr. La Fontaine and other residents of "Home Court," and after discussion referred to the Committee of the Whole.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

C. L. Jennings, building inspector, submitted the following report of building permits granted during the month of October:

V. M. Ott, residence, Columbus and Oak, value...	\$ 1,650.00
K. R. Sterling, addition, 141 Tropico avenue	100.00
T. Funatsu, addition, 117 S. San Fernando road	450.00
T. Funatsu, addition, 130 N. Glendale avenue	30.00
C. R. Wilkinson, storehouse, 143 N. San Fernando road	65.00
C. Carpi, addition, 311 S. Glendale avenue	150.00
Hattie Peters, residence, 344 N. Glendale avenue	2,200.00
Carmack & Morris, residence, 319 W. Tenth	1,500.00
J. C. Green, addition, 654 Cypress	400.00
Woods, residence, Gardena avenue	2,000.00
H. S. Frederickson, residence, Gardena avenue	2,000.00
Pacific Home Builders, residence, Gardena ave.	1,900.00
Pacific Home Builders, residence, Gardena ave.	2,000.00
George T. Brown, residence 559 Oak drive	2,000.00
Edward Meyer, addition, 112 S. San Fernando road	137.00
T. F. McDonald, addition, 133 Cerritos	225.00
W. W. McDonald, garage, 303 W. 10th street	60.00
O. M. Carpenter, residence, 114 East Park	1,000.00
Total	\$ 17,867.00
18 Plumbing permits, value	1,904.50
Aggregate value of permits	\$ 19,771.50
Fees for building inspection	27.00
Fees for plumbing inspection	22.00
Fees for electric inspection	19.97
Total	\$ 19,831.47

TREASURY STATEMENT.

City Treasurer Brown's report of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the month of October is as follows:

Balance on hand October 1, 1912	\$ 1,326.75
Receipts for October	191.05
Total for October	\$ 1,517.80
Payments during month	425.40

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1912	\$ 1,092.40
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LIBRARY FUND STATEMENT.

Balance in Treasury Oct. 1 \$ 184.00
Payments for the month... 25.00

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1912	\$ 159.00
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BUSINESS IN LOCAL COURT.

Justice Melrose has had a fairly busy month. His township cases numbered 42, 31 criminal and eleven civil. In the Recorder's Court, for violation of city ordinance, only one case.

A young man giving his name as Ed. Weber was before the court for arraignment on Thursday last on a burglary charge. S. Willard, the agent of the Southern Pacific at Burbank, caught the chap going through the rooms of his dwelling and took a shot at him, which had the effect of hastening his departure directly into the hands of City Marshal Officer of Burbank. He was packing a lot of stolen silver, which he claims was given him by a stranger, into whose companionship he had recently fallen. He admitted he had entered Mr. Willard's residence after money, of which he was very much in need. He was two years out of Boston and in hard luck. This was his first offense, and had been led into its commission by the rogue whose stolen silver he was packing and who had been arrested the night before at Oxnard. The unfortunate youth was sent to the county jail as the safest place for Boston boys for protection against the wicked influences and designs of the country's crooks while at large among them. He will be arraigned in the justice's court and his case investigated at such time as the district attorney's office may direct.

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.
The November number of the following magazines are now on the reading room table: Munsey's, Everybody's, Ladies Home Journal, Woman's Home Companion, The Detective, The Youth's Companion and The American Boy.
Some of the more valuable books recently acquired by the library are Bryce's "American Commonwealth," Mulford's "Nation," Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic."
The reading room is now provided with an excellent set of reference books for Bible study and Adam's "Synchronological Chart of Universal History," very valuable for the history student.
Library open daily except Sunday from 2 to 6 and from 7 to 9 p. m.
Chas. H. Cushing, Librarian.

SOLD UNDER THE HAMMER.

The property of the Glendale Consolidated Water company was sold under a decree of foreclosure at the suit of the trustee of the company, on Wednesday of last week, and bought in by the Title Guarantee and Trust company of Los Angeles.

The property sold and the prices at which it was bid in is as follows:
4,125.5 shares of stock in Tropico Water Co. \$ 10.00
1,229.75 Verdugo Canyon Stock and the "Walter Ransom System" 5,000.00
Glendale Distributing System 40,000.00
Pipe Line Distributing System in Los Angeles 55,000.00
Pumping Plant, Los Angeles 5,000.00
South Pasadena Distributing System 10,000.00
Residue 2,000.00
Total \$117,010.00
The Glendale System was sold subject to a mortgage of \$30,000.
Mr. L. C. Brand of the Title Guarantee and Trust company was the only bidder, making the announcement before a call for bids was made that he would bid in the property for his company with the understanding that the company would hold it for the benefit of the bondholders.

Mr. Brand stated to bystanders from Tropico and Glendale that Mr. Arthur Campbell of Casa Verdugo, would be put in charge of the property, and have control of the water service of Glendale and Tropico, until other and better arrangements could be made.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Some of the Curiosities of the Count.

A week has passed since our great presidential election was held and the story of it is stale. Merely to preserve the record of local results do we mention it at all. Not, however, that we are chagrined by them by any means. They were not unexpected. It was one of those cases in which two cannot beat one. The opportunity of the Republican party was lost at Chicago the minute the names of Roosevelt and Taft were not dropped from consideration and the name of Robert M. La Follette presented. The opportunity then lost to the republicans was quick to be seized by the "Peerless Leader," and now we have the fruits of it in a disrupted party of discredited factions.

Tropico's returns are as follows:
For Roosevelt and Johnson:
Precinct 1 129
Precinct 2 155
Total 284
For Wilson and Marshall:
Precinct 1 89
Precinct 2 97
Total 186
Plurality for Roosevelt 98
For Socialists:
Precinct 1 26

Precinct 2	27
Total	53
For Prohibitionists:	
Precinct 1	14
Precinct 2	20
Total	34
For Taft and Sherman:	
Precinct 1	4
Precinct 2	7
Total	11

The socialist, prohibition and Taft totals exactly equals Roosevelt's majority. In other words the total vote of the city for Roosevelt and Johnson, 284, exactly equals the total vote of the opposition.

Another noticeable feature of the returns from Precinct 2 is that with a registered vote of 75 the poll for Wilson and Marshall is 97.

For Representative in Congress, Bell, Republican received in:
Precinct 1 121
Precinct 2 149
Total 270

Chriswell, Socialist:
Precinct 1 40
Precinct 2 44
Total 84

Kirk, Democrat:
Precinct 1 52
Precinct 2 56
Total 108

Yarnell, Prohibition:
Precinct 1 15
Precinct 2 21
Total 36

For Member of the Assembly:
Hammack, Democrat, both precincts 86
Holtwick, Prohibition 29
Noel, Socialist, 30 in each precinct 60
Randall, Independent 123
Roberts, Republican 182
For Supervisor, Goode, Democrat:
Precinct 1 111
Precinct 2 129
Total 240

For Supervisor, Pridham, Republican:
Precinct 1 83
Precinct 2 117
Total 200

Majority for Goode 40
On the adoption of the County Charter there were 194 votes yes and 152 votes no.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hartley Shaw of Glendale, soon to become a citizen of Tropico, is City Attorney of the City of Eagle Rock.

Thomas B. Weed of the Los Angeles News Publishing company was Sunday guest of O. E. Burch of the Sentinel.

Burdette Betten, of whose accident all shooting mention was made in the Sentinel of last week, was compelled to submit to the removal of his wounded eye.

Sauer Kraut received already quick pretty soon. A barrel of it. Only 5c per pound at the O. K. Market. (Advertisement.)

Trustee Oliver and his wife were treated to an automobile ride away out Santa Barbara way on Sunday last by their friend, the speeder Hamlin, in a Franklin racer.

The Pacific Light and Power Corporation announce a reduction in the rate for electric lighting from 15 cents to eight cents per kilowatt hour from and after November 1.

A start has been made in home building in the Atwater Tract. Five bungalow residences on Atwater Avenue in the Northwestern corner of the tract, are well under way.

The Valley was visited with a fine shower shortly after sunrise Sunday morning—quitting in ample time to leave the sunshine Christians with no excuse for staying home from church.

Order your Thanksgiving turkey of Robert Danner at the O. K. Market and order now. Sunset 24-R; Home 1544. (Advertisement.)

Rev. A. H. Robbins and family, of Orient, South Dakota, are located for the winter in the George Ballantyne residence on Glendale Avenue, Tropico. The reverend gentleman is a veteran of the Civil War.

With the exception of eight lots fronting on Brand Boulevard adjacent to the Southern Pacific Railroad right of way, reserved for business houses, Atwater is to be distinctively the "bungalow home" tract of the valley.

Just received a barrel of Eastern Kraut, sweet and tender, at O. K. Market. Only 5c a pound. Phones Sunset 24-R; Home 1544. (Advertisement.)

Angelus Park Tract is the next candidate for popular favor to be put up

on the market in the vicinity of Tropico. The construction of streets, curbs and sidewalks, the laying of pipe systems for gas and water, and poles and wires for electricity, is all to start at once.

Court proceedings for opening of Brand Boulevard are hung up indefinitely, to all appearances. Two non-resident services are yet to be made, before the case will be at issue. After that must come another long wait, and then some.

The First Baptist Church, Third Street, near Louise, Glendale, Rev. Eugene Haines, Pastor, cordially invites the general public to be present at the services connected with the dedication of its new church building, at 10 A. M., 2:30 P. M., 6:30 P. M., and 7:30 P. M., Sunday, November 17th.

Dr. Hatch, of the First Presbyterian Church of Tropico, wants it distinctly understood that he is still a citizen resident of Tropico in spite of the apparent disposition of parties in some quarters to banish him to Glendale or Los Angeles. While rooming on 10th Street, he is nearly at all times to be found in his cozy little study off the church auditorium.

The outer walls of Tropico's Salyer piano factory near the Southeast corner of Park Avenue and the Southern Pacific right of way are finished square to the top and are in readiness for the top joist, rafters and roof. The structure is an imposing one and looms up majestically as approached from Glendale way down Pacific Avenue. The walls are of grayish stone.

The display of ferns in the East window, Central Avenue front of the City Hall, is from Tropico's famous Sunset nurseries, corner of Brand Boulevard and the San Fernando Road. With the beginning of the winter rains you should begin your planting of trees and shrubs. You will find a complete assortment of the choicest varieties at the Sunset's yards and gardens.

Of you don't haf zum o' doze genuine sweet Sauer Kraut from das back East Deutschland, at Danner's O. K. Market, you don't got none pretty gwick. (Advertisement.)

Scholarly Charles H. Cushing is the right man in the right place as City Librarian. Judicious selections for the shelves of our public library could not be placed in more competent hands. Indeed it is the opinion of citizens of Tropico generally that the City can furnish competent men and women for any and all its public offices without borrowing from our neighbors.

With the opening of streets in the Angelus Park Tract from Tropico, as we are informed, Central Avenue is to be extended due West, across the Southern Pacific at the depot, or parallel with Tropico Avenue, through to the tract's westerly limits. This street thus extended will intersect the main thoroughfare through the tract from North to South, which is to be a Macadamized boulevard leading into Los Angeles via Elysian Hills.

The removal to the rear of the old Tropico market building, of an antiquated frame structure, has left a gap between Hotel Tropico and the store of the Tropico Mercantile Company that is to be filled by Building Contractor Cunningham for Major John A. Payne, the owner, with a substantial two-story brick. The filling of this gap will give to the West side of San Fernando Road in the business section of Tropico as imposing a business block as there is in any part of this valley.

Get your order in early for your Thanksgiving turkey with Robert Danner of the O. K. Market, Hotel Tropico Building; at the lowest market price. Phones: Sunset 24-R; Home 1544. (Advertisement.)

In hoc signo! In plain United States this means that Frank B. McKenney & Son have erected a sign over their spacious hardware and furniture stores of proportions and artistic attractiveness that conquers admiration from all sides. It is decidedly artistic and metropolitan in make-up, but, best of all, it is a sure and certain sign of the place to go for bargains in anything and everything under the sun that people want in the hardware and furniture lines.

A very pleasant surprise was tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dutton at their new home, 306 Paloma Avenue, Saturday evening, November 9. After an enjoyable evening of cards and other games all sat down to a bountiful repast. The guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Burlingham, Mrs. Della Haggood, Misses Stella Miller, Elise Vance.

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Get a choice young turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner at the O. K. Market. (Advertisement.)

Keith Davis, the eldest son of Frank H. Davis, of Davis Grocery Company, had the misfortune to have his left leg broken a few inches above the knee on Thursday of last week. He was riding his pony rather swiftly on Central Avenue and in turning him into the alley toward the store the animal took a fall, and in falling caught the boy's leg under him, breaking it square off as described. The youngster is bearing up bravely with the unfailing cheerfulness he inherits from his father, and under Dr. Tholen's skillful treatment will soon be on his feet again.

The Woman's Association of the Tropico Presbyterian Church will hold its monthly meeting next Thursday afternoon at half past two o'clock in the Church Auditorium. These meetings are growing in interest and are attended by increasing numbers of ladies, many of whom are of other churches, or unidentified with any church. This is as it should be and is no doubt due to the fact that the addresses are of a broad spirit, and the programs are truly entertaining. The speaker next Thursday will be one of the active, public spirited women, Mrs. T. L. Ambrose, of Los Angeles. Her subject will be "The Firing Line." An attractive program of several numbers will be given. The meetings are open and free to all women interested in true progress.

TROPICO P. E. O. MEETS.
Chapter A. H. held their regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. Amelia Wattles, Friday, Nov. 8. Only routine business was transacted, evening passing off very pleasantly and profitably.

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LOST—Small black and white cat, female. One fore leg tipped with white, the other half white. White nose and breast. Very timid. 233 Cerritos avenue. Home phone 1518. Reward.

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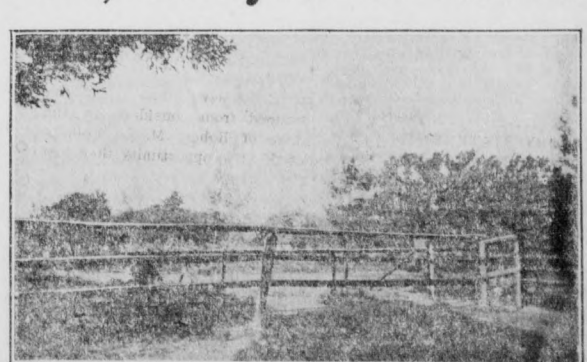
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DELAY OF COUNCIL NULLIFIES LAW ON ABATING WEEDPEST

Committee Holds Measure Several Months Then Decides to Aid Revolving Fund That Would Make It Possible to Clear Rubbish from Lots.

While the council in July adopted an ordinance giving the board of public works authority to cut the weeds on private property, no weeds have been cut this year and none will be for the time limit has expired. These facts were brought to the attention of Mayor Alexander in a letter from the Los Angeles Realty Board. The board is some disgusted, too, for it was at the instigation of the board that the ordinance was adopted in the first place, and the representatives of the board have kept hot on the trail of city officials to get the weeds cut, but without avail.

The ordinance was adopted to conform to a recent charter amendment that gave the authorities the right to go on private property and remove the weeds and rubbish and charge the cost against the property. The cost of the work would be a lien on the property and could be collected the same as taxes and streets improvement assessments.

Delayed in Committee
The ordinance was introduced into the council April 16, in plenty of time to provide for removing the weeds and rubbish later in the spring, but it was held in the legislation committee for months. The committee finally reported it to the council favorably and July 2, the council adopted the ordinance. Because of this long delay the ordinance was amended slightly so as to give the board of public works authority to remove this year's growth of weeds in the fall.

It provided that property owners must remove the weeds and rubbish from their own vacant lots during the last two weeks of August, 1912, and that if they failed to do so by Aug. 31, the board of public works was to go on to the property and do the work. The board of public works was to fix the charge at cost, plus 25 per cent, and this charge was to be collected by the city tax collector. It provided that the board must finish its work for 1912 by Oct. 15, and file its liens with the tax collector by that date.

Nullifies Ordinance.
After the work for 1912 had been accomplished the ordinance provides that the weeds must be removed during the two weeks succeeding the third Monday in April of each year and if the property owners failed to do the work by May 15 the board of public works must step in and do it. Although the council adopted the ordinance with a special date for 1912 for the weeds of this year could be removed, the council nullified the ordinance itself, by refusing to set aside a revolving fund of \$18,000, asked by the board of public works. The board explained that under the terms of the ordinance all the money expended would be returned to the city treasury and that the \$18,000 asked to do the work was only in the nature of a loan. But the council refused to grant the loan. At that time the inspector of public works was investigating a weed burner that it was believed would do the work cheaper than any other method. After a test the inspector reported that the weed burner was very good in principle, but would need some reconstruction before it would be of practicable benefit and that if the weeds were to be removed this year some other method would have to be tried.

To Take Up Work Later.
The council instructed him to make another test of the weed burner with the supply committee present to witness the test about ten days ago, but meanwhile the time limit for filing liens on property for removing weeds expired Oct. 15 and the board of public works is now stopped from doing anything more until next spring.

"We must know where we are and be ready with the necessary money and organization to do the work in the spring," said W. M. Humphreys, of the board of public works. "We can do nothing about it this fall as the council refused to let us have the necessary money to carry the ordinance into execution."

—From L. A. Municipal News

TRIMS PLUMBERS BILL TO STOP OVERCHARGE

Because Arthur Baker, the city's purchasing agent, can buy plumbing materials cheaper than Guerrero Brothers say they can, those plumbers will have to accept \$21.75 less than the amount they wanted to charge the city for additional plumbing in the central police station.

Guerrero Brothers presented an itemized bill of \$295.26 for their work at the jail. Baker went over the bill, at the suggestion of City Auditor John S. Myers, and found that the prices listed on it were much higher for some of the items than the materials could be purchased for in open market at wholesale prices. Certain items that the plumbers wanted \$95.60 for Baker found could be bought for \$61.75. The city auditor took these figures, added 20 per cent profit, which an investigation convinced him was the right amount and reported to the finance committee that he could not approve the entire bill for more than \$73.45.

Stops Gouging
The finance committee considered the auditor's figures reasonable and agreed to settle the bill for that amount.

The auditor has made a number of discoveries of overcharges in work done for the city and supplies furnished, but contractors and merchants who used to demand and receive higher prices for city contracts than they asked for private business have learned that their demands when exorbitant do not get past the city auditor as they did in former administrations and that instead of speedy payment their demands are held for investigation and in the end they only receive a fair price anyhow. This system has resulted in the city getting its supplies as cheaply as any private business.

From L. A. Municipal News

Will Make Triangle Park Beauty Spot in Old River District

Commissioners and Council Committee Make Discovery That May Prove of Great Value to People of City.

A trip of inspection over the proposed Arroyo Seco parkway boundaries by the Park Commission and the council committee on streets and boulevards Monday ended with a discovery. On the return the Park Commission suggested the improvement of the east end of the new Buena Vista bridge over the river with a triangle parking, about two acres in area.

The triangle is formed by the "Y" at the end of the bridge connecting Pasadena avenue and North Broadway and Avenue 18.

The Park Commission called attention to the fact that the city already owns about one-third of the area which was a discovery by the council. Five lots are required to make it even.

The improvement is urged not only to beautify the approach to the bridge but to prevent the erection of an unsightly building or factory.

—From L. A. Municipal News

"WHERE ARE WE AT?"
Kicks By a Mule from Missouri
Editor L. A. News:

Considering myself rather dense upon some points relative to the Municipal Government, I would (being from Missouri) like to be shown upon the following:

When the budget for the year is made up is not the amount to be raised based on the cost of running the various civic offices of the city, and taxes levied accordingly? If that be so, why is the taxpayer taxed again for everything he needs from the city, no matter what? Notably is this so on permits. We lose time, pay, car fare and then it's a "dollar please" (sometimes the please is left off) but never the dollar. Granting the getting of a permit is correct, is it not legalized robbery to extort another tax when those said offices are provided for? A certain Councilman when asked why this double taxation, replied: "It's always been so." It's always been so, and we, the smartest people on earth (sic) stand for it. I contend we are getting decidedly too much "Ordinance Law" for the city's good. Why, you can't even give something away unless you pay for the privilege. I might state here that Ordinances are not Constitutional Law and we have dozens in force that wouldn't hold water if squeezed, but that takes money. Another matter, quite a problem to me, is why shingle roofs on houses will last 20 to 30 years with an occasional coat of paint or oil, but on school houses only from 6 to 10 years. An X-ray might find an answer, and if faulty in construction, somebody is responsible and the colored gent in the pile should be brought to boot. But then "it's always been so." Six or seven years ago, just before the aqueduct scheme burst forth upon us, we were ordered to use water on lawns and gardens only at stated intervals. Water supply had run out! We were then some hundred to hundred and fifty thousand population. Today we have over four hundred thousand with plenty of water for everybody and still the same source of supply. I wonder if that don't raise "a think" at this time, when we're called on for about twelve millions more.

But, then, "it's always been so."

And now, I would like to remind our "Good Government City Fathers" that we are putting burdens on the present day taxpayers, which can only benefit our grand and great grandchildren, that fish is still ten to fifteen cents a pound, that the producer being allowed to peddle his vegetables is still as far away as ever, and coal is seventy cents a sack. The ocean is near (our seaport) yet thousands living in this city can never see it except by the grace of the powers that be.

And these haven't "always been so."

—H. R.

W. M. CLUB
Visits to Redondo and San Moreno

The Ramblers' section of the Wednesday Morning club enjoyed a fish-bake at Clifton-by-the-Sea last week, led by Mrs. L. C. Spencer.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was spent and the party returned late in the afternoon. At the next meeting of the Ramblers, November 7, a visit was made to the grounds of Henry Huntington at San Moreno, for which special permission had been granted to any member of the club either in automobiles or on foot.

Taking the Sierra Madre car on Main street the party got off at the entrance to the grounds and, driving or walking through the woody canyon, returned by way of Pasadena.

On Wednesday, November 6, the morning was devoted to business only while in the afternoon a program was given including a reading by Miss V. Wallace, a discussion on the "Community Property Bill," by Miss Lloy Galpin, and a reading by Miss Mary Kendrick, accompanied by Victor Kendrick on the violin. Incidentally there was lively comment on the results of the presidential choice and of local measures.

WOOLWINE BACK FROM EUROPE
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woolwine have returned from their trip abroad and are at Hotel Darby. Miss Martha Woolwine, their daughter, remains in Washington, D. C., where she has entered the National Cathedral School.

WINS CONTENTION WITH POWER CORPORATION

Hotel's Complaint Finds Support In Opinion Given Public Service Commission by Assistant City Attorney.

Public service corporations are required to furnish service without respect to the amount of service the consumer is expected to use or the time of day he is expected to use it, according to an opinion furnished by the board of public utilities by George E. Cryer, assistant city attorney.

The opinion was furnished at the request of the board on account of a complaint made by the Hotel Hollywood against the Pacific Light & Power company, which is alleged to have refused to furnish electric current to the hotel, which has a transformer of its own, which it plans to use at certain hours and as a sort of reserve.

Cites Authorities
In his opinion, Cryer quotes the civil code and city charter and concludes:

These sections of the code and of the charter make it the duty of the corporation to furnish the service. I can find in them no exceptions and no warrant for the conclusion that the consumer does not intend to use the service at all hours, or at all hours during which he requires light, that the company is not required to furnish it.

Cryer advises the board that he considers the controversy one between the hotel company and the lighting corporation and that the former should be required to resort to court proceedings, if necessary, to make good their contention.

—From L. A. Municipal News

WILL CUT DOWN BLUFF

Steps Taken to Widen Lake Shore Avenue.

In order to complete the widening of Lake Shore avenue, from Belmont avenue to Kane street, the streets committee recommended today that the city engineer be instructed to prepare plans for the cutting down the bluff on the west side of the street, roadway to the level of the street. The city owns a strip 40 feet wide which was purchased to widen the street.

This purchase was made some time ago to satisfy the property owners because of the loss of an equal area of the thoroughfare on the east side which was taken to enlarge Echo park.

It is said the park department may be able to use the extra dirt to advantage in improving Echo park and as the bluff is cut down, the street will be in shape to be improved at the expense of the property owners.

—From L. A. Municipal News

MAKE ROAD BOULEVARD

Hollywood Residents Complain of Heavy Teaming on Street.

Recommendations that Bronson avenue and Canyon drive be declared boulevards will be made to the council today by the streets committee. This action is designed to stop the heavy teaming on the roads, caused by hauling stone from a canyon north of Hollywood. The teaming destroys the streets and the dust nuisance is unbearable, according to complaints of the property owners.

Through a mistake, the council some time ago declared Nichols Canyon road a boulevard, when the ordinance should have described Bronson avenue and Canyon drive.

PULPIT THEMES.

Large congregations are in attendance on the ministry of Rev. C. V. Cowan at Asbury church, at the beginning of his fourth year.

The pulpit theme for Sunday morning will be, "The Heart of the Gospel."

Recognizing the fact that there is so little preaching on the Ten Commandments, and that the people are living as though they had been annulled, or that God had never given them, the pastor will begin a series of Sunday evening sermons, with the First Commandment tomorrow evening.

OPPOSE STREET OPENING.

The plan of the streets and boulevards committee to abandon the opening of Griffin avenue through the Arroyo Seco park meets with opposition, residents and property owners protesting. The plan was referred to the committee and will be taken up next week.

BUILT AFT

You see, Mr. Taft, that if you had fired Ballinger instead of Pinchot, got Jim Wilson to quit instead of Doc Wiley, signed the tariff bills instead of vetoing them and let Arizona have the constitution it drafted in the first place, you might have been elected. It doesn't pay to be pig-headed just because you're big built aft.—L. A. Herald.

TYPHOID IS DECREASING.

Again Dr. L. M. Powers, health commissioner, has sounded the warning: "bail the water."

"We are patrolling the source of the city's water supply but it is impossible to keep it entirely free from contamination," said Dr. Powers.

The doctor pointed to a map of the city covered with black headed pins as the reason for his warning. These black headed pins are scattered all over the face of the map, thicker in the eastern part of the city than in the western, as is nearly always the case with diseases. There are 178 of these black headed pins on the map and every pin means a case of typhoid fever. At least 60 of these cases have come from sources outside the city. There are a number of cases of typhoid at the county hospital and at the Santa Fe hospital, nearly all from outside the city.

The disease is diminishing. Last week 11 new cases were reported, which is much less than the week before. To date there have been but three cases this week.

From L. A. Municipal News

REED AND WHIFFEN OFFER RESOLUTION

Councilmen Present Plan For Formation of Municipal Auditorium Commission With Power to Finance Project.

The following resolution was introduced today in the council:

Whereas the Normal School site has been secured to the city for the purpose of constructing thereon a municipal auditorium; and

Whereas, the city of Los Angeles is in possession of a municipal auditorium where conventions and large audiences may be accommodated; and

Whereas, it is desirable that plans for such an auditorium be drawn at once in order that work of construction may be begun as soon as the property is vacated by the state; and

Whereas, a plan for financing the construction of such auditorium should be formulated now in order to prevent delay in beginning construction at the earliest possible moment; and

Whereas, municipal auditoriums have been financed by popular subscription in other cities, namely: Ocean Grove, N. Y., Atlanta, Ga., St. Paul, Minn., and Milwaukee, Wis., and are being financed by popular subscription in Asbury Park, N. Y., and Cleveland, O.; and

Whereas, the above mentioned auditoriums at Ocean Grove, Atlanta, St. Paul and Milwaukee have proven to be self sustaining and a success from an economic and financial standpoint; and

Whereas, conditions in Los Angeles are much more favorable to the financial success of a public auditorium than in any of the above mentioned cities; now therefore,

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested to name a committee of five citizens to be known as the Municipal Auditorium Committee, and that said committee be authorized to prepare plans for the improvement of the Normal School hill and for a municipal auditorium with a seating capacity of at least fifteen thousand persons, and that the city attorney be instructed to prepare a contract to be entered into between the city and said committee whereby said committee will be authorized to finance the construction of a municipal auditorium either by bonds issued by the committee or by a holding company organized by the committee, or by popular subscription or by any other method which the committee deem advisable; provided, that all money so raised shall be used solely for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining and improving the said municipal auditorium and the ground on which it stands, and that said committee be authorized to manage said property for the city, charging such rates for the use of said property as will pay the interest on the indebtedness and provide for an amortization fund and to apply on retirement of capital, until such time as the city may desire to take it over and manage it on its own account.

F. J. WHIFFEN,
HAINES W. REED.
—From L. A. Municipal News

SELECT SITE FOR NEW QUARANTINE STATION

Local United States Health Officer, Surgeon of Marine Hospital Service and Harbor Commissioners Agree on Location.

As a location for the new quarantine station, Dr. A. H. Glennon, assistant surgeon general of the marine hospital service and Dr. S. D. Brooks, local United States health officer, have selected the east side of Deadman's island. This selection was made after a tour of inspection of the harbor by the government physicians and the harbor commission. The doctors told the commission they would recommend to Congress an appropriation for the quarantine station at this point. This met the entire approval of the harbor commission.

Leslie R. Hewitt, special counsel for the harbor department, reported that the government would require the city furnish an abstract of title in making the exchange of the slice from Municipal Dock No. 1 for an equal area from the city's 146 acres. The harbor commission instructed him to get title from the abstract companies and held the matter in abeyance until these terms are secured. The trade of land has been authorized by an act of Congress and by vote of the people of Los Angeles. It is made necessary by the government regulation of describing a circle around its reservation. This circle takes a half moon out of Municipal Dock No. 1, but the government expressed a willingness to give up this piece of land for an equal area elsewhere.

G. E. Day, representing the Exhibit of Culinary and Household Arts to be held at Fiesta park November 7, asked the harbor commission to make an exhibit, offering to set aside floor space if the commission would turn over maps and pictures. He also agreed to make a relief map in wax showing all the points of the harbor, if the commission would pay \$10 for the material. His proposal was taken under advisement.

C. S. Jenkins offered to sell the launch "El Capitán" to the commission for \$1200 and D. J. O'Connor offered to sell his cruiser for \$550. These offers were taken under advisement until bids are received for the harbor boat.

—From L. A. Municipal News

WANT ADDING MACHINE

Need Device to Prepare Exposition Park Assessment.

Adding machines and mechanical calculators are wanted by Col. W. G. Schreiber, chief clerk of the bureau of street openings and widening.

The mechanical devices are to be used in preparing the assessments for Exposition park condemnations and other large assessments the bureau is handling. By using the machines Col. Schreiber declares he can save much more than their cost in clerk hire, which will reduce the total cost of the assessments.

The machines wanted will cost \$1400 and the finance committee will look into the matter.

—Municipal News.

Will Condemn Land for Moneta Sewer Declare Councilmen

Street Committee Recommends Expense of Land Purchase Come Out of General Fund in Order to Avoid Delay.

Condemnation of the land necessary for a sewer right-of-way along the westerly prolongation of Sixth street, if the property cannot be obtained in any other way, is recommended by the streets committee of the council, the expense to be borne by the general fund.

This right-of-way is necessary to the installation of a big sewer system in the Moneta avenue district and territory to the west of that, where it is declared sewers are badly needed.

The city attorney will be instructed, if the report is adopted by the council today, to draw the ordinance necessary to condemn the land and to negotiate with Herman L. Welch, owner of the land, to see if a compromise cannot be effected whereby a right-of-way can be obtained for a reasonable sum.

The land across which it would be most advantageous to run the trunk sewer is in acreage and there are no public streets. It is proposed to defray the cost from the general fund to save the time incident to assessing the cost against property in an assessment district.

—From L. A. Municipal News

NEED COURT DECISION TO SETTLE RATE CASE

Municipality's Right to Fix Charges for Surplus Water Sold Outside of City Challenged by State Officials.

It will require a court decision to determine whether the municipality of Los Angeles or the state railroad commission shall fix the rates to be charged by the city for the 18,000 inches of surplus aqueduct water. This was about the only agreement reached at a conference between the public service commission and the state railroad commission last Saturday.

The conference was asked by the Los Angeles water board because it wanted an answer on two questions: Does the state railroad commission hold the rate? It has jurisdiction of all rate fixing outside of municipalities? If it has jurisdiction what policy will it pursue in fixing rates?

The answer to the first question came promptly from President Eschleman, of the state commission. "Whenever a municipality enters the commercial distribution of water or any other commodity outside of its own boundaries it ceases to exercise the governmental function and enjoys its privileges and becomes a proprietary, just the same as any private corporation or individual and is subject to the same regulation. Holding this to be the law the state board has jurisdiction, in its opinion, of fixing rates for the surplus water," said Eschleman.

Agree to Litigate.
He argued that the selling of surplus water is not even incidental to municipal government and that the position taken by the water department, and City Attorney Sherk and W. B. Mathews, aqueduct counsel, that the charter and laws give the city sole power to fix the rate is untenable. He said the board of supervisors of each county held the regulating power before the utilities law was passed, but that the state commission had succeeded to this power.

Sherk presented the citations from the charter and constitution to show that the city had specifically empowered to not only sell the water but to fix the rates. Eschleman said this applied only insofar as the city kept within its municipal functions.

"It will take a court decision to alter us," said Eschleman.

"Then we will get one," said Sherk laughing. Such litigation would have to be begun by an outside rate payer.

On the matter of policy the state commission was not inclined to go as far as the water officials have in adopting the Graham plan of "all the traffic will bear," in making schedules. Eschleman said the commission would not undertake to define a policy in advance of a submission of the facts. He agreed that the Graham plan, if applied to all commodities which the state itself might monopolize, would be the acme of justice but whether it may be applied sporadically is another thing.

After a long discussion the conference ended with only a law suit to determine the disputed legal point in view. Besides Eschleman, Commissioners Thelen, Edgerton and Gordon participated. All the public service commissioners were present.

—From L. A. Municipal News

Butler: "There's a man below to see you, sir."

Mayberry: "What did you tell him?"

Butler: "I told him you told me, if it was a lady, to say you were in, and if it was a man, to say you were out."

Mayberry: "What did he say then?"

Butler: "He said to tell you he was a lady."—Harvard Lampoon.

Teacher to scholar: "Johnny, what is a cube?"

Johnny: "A cube is a solid, surrounded by six equal squares."

Teacher: "Right! Willie, what is a cone?"

Willie: "A cone? Why—a cone is—a funnel stuffed with ice-cream!"

"What're ye comin' home with your milk pail empty for?" demanded the farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?" "Yes," replied his boy; "nine quarts and one kick!"—The Sacred Heart Review.

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Landslide? Sure; but for neither
T. R. nor Taft.Birth-marks of parental perversity
go far towards an accounting for a
vast amount of the evils humanity is
heir to.T. R. gave us Taft and now has given
us Wilson; the only difference in
the gifts is the former was voluntary,
the latter not; though probably the
most valuable.Governor Johnson is of the opinion
that we are "next." Good enough so
far, and perhaps it will be as well if
we stay next; a sort of happy medium
between democrats and socialists.Elsewhere in this number of the
Sentinel we publish the pictures of
the next President and Vice President
of the United States together with the
platform of policies and principles
they were elected upon. Henceforth,
possibly for some time, they are likely
to be somewhat in the limelight.Well, what shall the artists do with
their cartoons of the Bull Moose and
Pachyderm parties? Send them to
the scrap heap, or hold them in cold
storage for service four years hence?It is not the high cost of living that
makes the trouble, but the cost of high
living.With Tropico's splendid array of
musical talent, what is there to hin-
der the organization of it into a choral
club that will rank the little City first
in excellence in the most charming art
and science of which the world has
any knowledge? Who will lead off in
the commendable enterprise? A sym-
phony hall would be something to be
proud of.By way of a postscript to a personal
letter from E. W. Sargent, Vice Presi-
dent of the Title Guarantee and Trust
Company which is the present owner
of the Tropico Water Company, that
gentleman says: "We would like to
have the municipality of Tropico au-
thorize a bonded indebtedness and
take over that company's water plant."
And it seems to us it is well
worth our while to look into this mat-
ter.A move of the utmost importance
to parties concerned in the problem
of protection from storm water along
Los Angeles river and Verdugo wash,
and adjacent territory, is likely to be
brought into prominence in the near
future, at least before the winter rains
are over. It is suggested that so much
of Los Angeles river as lies in Los
Angeles City be looked after by its
Department of Public Works. The
river's official bed should be ascer-
tained and defined and cleared of ob-
structions; and where necessary
should have embankments construct-
ed; embankments of sufficient height
and strength to retain the floods with-
in the river's official bed. The same
suggestion applies to Verdugo Wash,
with the difference that that is a mat-
ter the City of Glendale should be
looking after.

BIG BUSINESS NECESSARY?

The absence of disturbance in finan-
cial and commercial circles from the
strife of the late presidential cam-
paign was due, in all probability, to
the almost absolute certainty of the
election of Governor Wilson and the
declaration he made in an address at
the outset of his canvass from which
we quote the following:"I think big business is necessary
and natural. The development of
business upon a great scale of opera-
tion is inevitable, and, let me add, de-
sirable. But that is a very different
matter from the development of the
trusts, because the trusts have not
grown. They have been manufactur-
ed, and not by natural processes, but
by the will, the deliberate planning of
men more powerful than their neigh-
bors in the business world. * * * Be-
cause I am for the liberation of busi-
ness in the United States I want to
see the rank and file of business men
in this country get together and issue
a "Declaration of Independence." Choose, in preference to "accepted and
regulated monopoly," regulated compe-
tition, which will prevent monopoly."These conciliatory declarations
coupled with the certainty of his elec-
tion did the business of quieting the
nerves of leaders in the world of com-
merce and industry and preserving a
feeling of confidence that all was well.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

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Glendale. Services in the Masonic
Hall on Brand Boulevard. Sunday, 11
a. m., Wednesday, 8 p. m. Sunday
School 9:30 a. m.

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PRESIDENT. WOODROW WILSON.
DEMOCRATIC PLATFORMWe, the representatives of the Demo-
cratic party of the United States in
national convention assembled, reaf-
firm our devotion to the principles of
Democratic government formulated by
Thomas Jefferson and enforced by a
long and illustrious line of Democratic
presidents.

Tariff Reform.

We declare it to be a fundamental
principle of the Democratic party that
the federal government under the con-
stitution has no right or power to im-
pose or collect tariff duties except for
the purpose of revenue, and we de-
mand that the collection of such taxes
shall be limited to the necessities of
government honestly and economically
administered.The high Republican tariff is the
principal cause of the unequal distri-
bution of wealth; it is a system of
taxation which makes the rich richer
and the poor poorer. Under its opera-
tions the American farmer and labor-
ing man are the chief sufferers; it
raises the cost of the necessities of
life to them, but does not protect their
product or wages. The farmer sells
largely in free markets and buys al-
most entirely in the protected mar-
kets. In the most highly protected in-
dustries such as cotton and wool, steel
and iron the wages of the laborers
are the lowest paid in any of our in-
dustries. We denounce the Republican
pretense on that subject and assert
that American wages are established
by competitive conditions and not by
the tariff.We favor the immediate downward
revision of the existing high and, in
many cases, prohibitive tariff duties,
insisting that material reductions be
speedily made upon the necessities of
life. Articles entering into competi-
tion with trust controlled products and
articles of American manufacture
which are sold abroad more cheaply
than at home should be put upon the
free list.We recognize that our system of tar-
iff taxation is intimately connected
with the business of the country, and
we favor the ultimate attainment of
the principles we advocate by legisla-
tion that will not injure or destroy le-
gitimate industry.We denounce the action of President
Taft in vetoing the bills to reduce the
tariff in the cotton, woolen, metals and
chemical schedules and the farmers' free
list bill, all of which were design-
ed to give immediate relief to the
masses from the exactions of the trusts.

High Cost of Living.

The high cost of living is a serious
problem in every American home. The
Republican party in its platform at-
tempts to escape from responsibility
for present conditions by denying that
they are due to a protective tariff. We
take issue with them on this subject
and charge that excessive prices result
in a large measure from the high tariff
laws enacted and maintained by the
Republican party and from trusts and
commercial conspiracies fostered and
encouraged by such laws, and we as-
sert that no such substantial relief can
be secured for the people until import
duties on the necessities of life are
materially reduced and these criminal
conspiracies broken up.

Anti-Trust Law.

A private monopoly is indefensible
and intolerable. We therefore favor
the vigorous enforcement of the crim-
inal as well as the civil law against
trusts and trust officials and demand
the enactment of such additional legis-
lation as may be necessary to make
it impossible for a private monopoly
to exist in the United States.We favor the declaration by law of
the conditions upon which corpora-
tions shall be permitted to engage in
interstate trade, including among others
the prevention of holding compa-
nies of interlocking directorates, of
stock watering, of discrimination in
price and the control by any one cor-
poration of so large a proportion of
any industry as to make it a menace
to competitive conditions.

We condemn the action of the Re-

publican administration in compromis-
ing with the Standard Oil company
and the tobacco trust and its failure
to invoke the criminal provisions of
the anti-trust law against the officers
of those corporations after the court
had declared that from the undisputed
facts in the record they had violated
the criminal provisions of the law.Income Tax and Popular Election of
Senators.We congratulate the country upon
the triumph of two important reforms
demanded in the last national platform
—namely, the amendment of the feder-
al constitution authorizing an income
tax and the amendment providing for
the popular election of senators—and
we call upon the people of all the
states to rally to the support of the
pending propositions and secure their
ratification.

Presidential Primaries.

The movement toward more popular
government should be promoted
through legislation in each state which
will permit the expression of the pre-
ference of the electors for national can-
didates at presidential primaries.

Campaign Contributions.

We pledge the Democratic party to
the enactment of a law prohibiting any
corporation from contributing to a
campaign fund and any individual
from contributing any amount above
a reasonable maximum.

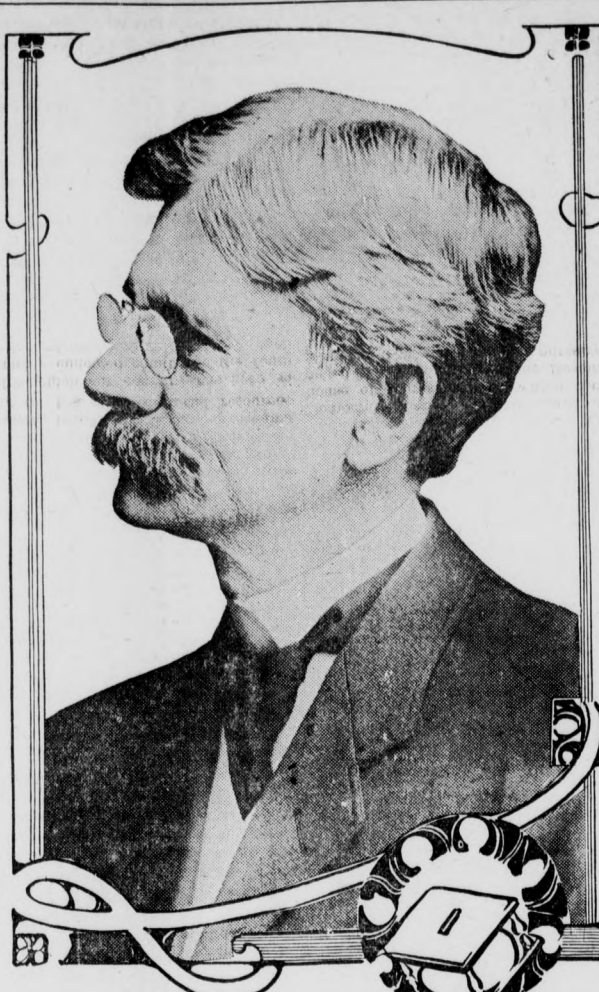
Term of President.

We favor a single presidential term
and to that end urge the adoption of
an amendment to the constitution mak-
ing the president of the United States
ineligible to re-election, and we pledge
the candidate of this convention to this
principle.

Democratic Congress.

At this time, when the Republican
party, after a generation of unlimited
power in its control of the federal gov-
ernment, is rent into factions, it is
opportune to point to the record of
accomplishment of the Democratic
house of representatives in the Sixty-
second congress. We endorse its ac-
tion, and we challenge comparison of
its record with that of any congress
which has been controlled by our op-
ponents. We call the attention of the
patriotic citizens of our country to its
record of efficiency, economy and con-
structive legislation.It has among other achievements re-
vised the rules of the house of rep-
resentatives so as to give to the rep-
resentatives of the American people
freedom of speech and of action in ad-
vocating, proposing and perfecting
remedial legislation.It has passed bills for the relief of
the people and the development of our
country. It has endeavored to revise
the tariff taxes downward in the in-
terest of the consuming masses and
thus to reduce the high cost of living.It has proposed an amendment to
the federal constitution providing for
the election of United States senators
by the direct vote of the people.
It has secured the admission of Ari-
zona and New Mexico as two sov-
ereign states.It has required the publicity of cam-
paign expenses both before and after
election and fixed a limit upon the
election expenses of United States sen-
ators and representatives.It has passed a bill to prevent the
abuse of the writ of injunction. It has
passed a law establishing an eight hour
day for workmen on all national pub-
lic work.It has passed a resolution which
forced the president to take immediate
steps to abrogate the Russian treaty.
And it has passed the great supply
bills which lessen waste and extrava-
gance and which reduce the annual ex-
penses of the government by many mil-
lions of dollars.We approve the measure reported by
the Democratic leaders in the house of
representatives for the creation of a
council of national defense which will
determine a definite naval program
with a view to increased efficiency and
economy.

Republican Extravagance.

We denounce the profligate waste of
the money wrung from the people by
oppressive taxation through the lavish
appropriations of recent Republica-

VICE PRESIDENT. THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

congresses, which have kept taxes high
and reduced the purchasing power of
the people's toil. We demand a return
to that simplicity and economy which
befit a Democratic government and a
reduction in the number of useless
offices, the salaries of which drain the
substance of the people.Railroads, Express Companies, Tele-
graph and Telephone Lines.We favor the efficient supervision
and rate regulation of railroads, ex-
press companies, telegraph and tele-
phone lines engaged in interstate com-
merce. To this end we recommend the
valuation of railroads, express com-
panies, telegraph and telephone lines by
the interstate commerce commission,
such valuation to take into considera-
tion the physical value of the property,
the original cost, the cost of the pro-
duction and any element of value that
will render the valuation fair and just.

Banking Legislation.

We oppose the so called Aldrich
bill or the establishment of a central
bank, and we believe our country will
be largely freed from panics and con-
sequent unemployment and business
depression by such a systematic re-
vision of our banking laws as will render
temporary relief in localities in which
such relief is needed, with protection
from control or domination by what is
known as the money trust.We condemn the present methods of
depositing government funds in a few
favored banks, largely situated in or
controlled by Wall street, in return
for political favors, and we pledge our
party to provide by law for their de-
posit by competitive bidding in the
banking institutions of the country,
national and state, without discrimina-
tion as to locality, upon approved se-
curities and subject to call by the gov-
ernment.

Waterways.

We renew the declaration in our last
platform relating to the conservation
of our natural resources and the de-
velopment of our waterways. The
present devastation of the lower Mis-
sissippi valley accentuates the move-
ment for the regulation of river flow
by additional bank and levee protec-
tion below and the diversion, storage
and control of the flood waters above
and their utilization for beneficial pur-
poses in the reclamation of arid and
swamp lands and the development of
water power instead of permitting the
floods to continue, as heretofore,
agents of destruction.We favor national aid to state and
local authorities in the construction
and maintenance of post roads.

Rights of Labor.

We repeat our declarations of the
platform of 1908.
We pledge the Democratic party, so
far as the federal jurisdiction extends,
to an employees' compensation law
providing adequate indemnity for in-
jury to body or loss of life.

Conservation.

We believe in the conservation and
the development for the use of all the
people of the natural resources of the
country. Our forests, our sources of
water supply, our arable and our
mineral lands, our navigable streams
and all the other material resources
with which our country has been so
lavishly endowed constitute the foun-
dation of our national wealth. Such
additional legislation as may be nec-
essary to prevent their being wasted
or absorbed by special or privileged
interests should be enacted, and the
policy of the conservation should be
rigidly adhered to.

Agriculture.

We believe in encouraging the devel-
opment of a modern system of agricul-
ture and a systematic effort to improve
the conditions of trade in farm prod-
ucts so as to benefit both the consum-
ers and producers. And as an efficient
means to this end we favor the enact-
ment by congress of legislation that
will suppress the pernicious practice of
gambling in agricultural products by
organized exchanges or others.

Merchant Marine.

We believe in fostering by constitu-

tional regulation of commerce the
growth of a merchant marine which
shall develop and strengthen the com-
mercial ties which bind us to our sis-
ter republics of the south, but with-
out additional burdens upon the people
and without imposing bounties or sub-
sidies from the public treasury.We favor the exemption from tolls
of American ships engaged in coast-
wise trade passing through the Pana-
ma canal.We also favor legislation forbidding
the use of the Panama canal by ships
owned or controlled by railroad car-
riers engaged in transportation com-
petitive with the canal.

Pure Food and Public Health.

We reaffirm our previous decla-
rations advocating the union and
strengthening of the various govern-
mental agencies relating to pure foods,
quarantine, vital statistics and human
health. Thus united and administered
without partiality to or discrimination
against any school of medicine or sys-
tem of healing, they would constitute
a single health service, not subordi-
nated to any commercial or financial
interests, but devoted exclusively to
the conservation of human life and ef-
ficiency. Moreover, this health service
should co-operate with the health
agencies of our various states and
cities, without interference with their
prerogatives or with the freedom of
individuals to employ such medical or
hygienic aid as they may see fit.

Civil Service Law.

The law pertaining to the civil ser-
vice should be honestly and rigidly en-
forced, to the end that merit and abil-
ity shall be the standard of appoint-
ment and promotion rather than ser-
vice rendered to a political party, and
we favor a reorganization of the civil
service, with adequate compensation
commensurate with the class of work
performed, for all officers and em-
ployees; we also favor the extension
to all classes of civil service employees
the benefits of the provisions of the
employees' liability law.We also recognize the right of direct
petition to congress by employees for
the redress of grievances.

The Philippines.

We reaffirm the position thrice an-
nounced by the Democracy in national
convention assembled against a policy
of imperialism and colonial exploita-
tion in the Philippines or elsewhere.
We condemn the experiment in im-
perialism as an inexcusable blunder
which has involved us in enormous ex-
pense, brought us weakness instead of
strength and laid our nation open to
the charge of abandonment of the fun-
damental doctrine of self government.We favor an immediate declaration of
the nation's purpose to recognize the
independence of the Philippine islands
as soon as a stable government can be
established, such independence to be
guaranteed by us until the neutraliza-
tion of the islands can be secured by
treaty with other powers. In recog-
nizing the independence of the Phil-
ippines our government should retain
such land as may be necessary for
coaling stations and naval bases.

The Russian Treaty.

We commend the patriotism of the
Democratic members of the senate and
house of representatives which com-
pelled the termination of the Russian
treaty of 1832, and we pledge ourselves
to preserve the sacred rights of
American citizenship at home and
abroad. No treaty should receive the
sanction of our government which does
not recognize the equality of all of our
citizens irrespective of race or creed
and which does not expressly guaran-
tee the fundamental right of expatria-
tion.

Parcels Post and Rural Delivery.

We favor the establishment of a
parcel post or postal express and also
the extension of the rural delivery sys-
tem as rapidly as practicable.

Pensions.

We renew the declaration of our last
platform relating to a generous pen-
sion policy.

RULE OF THE PEOPLE.

We call attention to the fact that the
Democratic party's demand for a re-

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reserved power of the people can they
protect themselves from the misuse of
delegated power and the usurpation of
governmental instrumentalities by spe-
cial interests. For this reason the na-
tional convention insisted on the over-
throw of Cannonism and the inaugura-
tion of a system by which United
States senators could be elected by di-
rect vote. The Democratic party of-
fers itself to the country as an agency
through which the complete overthrow
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